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HANSON LETTER OCTOBER 18, 1974

1. GHANAIAI TIMES JAN 9 REPORTS ARRIVAL IN ACCRA OF THREE  
U.S. BUSINESSMEN, ROERT BRANDON (REFTEL B AND C), SAMUEL  
CANALE (REFTELS C AND F) AND BEN BYNUM (NO INFORMATION  
HERE), WHO ARE DESCRIBED AS "OWNERS OF HEAVY EARTH-MOVING MACHINES."  
"THEY WILL HELP ON THE PROPOSED DOLLARS 8-MILLION PROJECTS  
TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE OMAN GHANA TRUST HOLDINGS LIMITED  
IN THE WESTERN REGION" (REFTEL A).

IN EDITORIAL JAN 8 GHANAIAI TIMES CHASTISED BANK OF GHANA FOR ITS  
ALLEGED FAILURE TO ACT ON NOVEMBER TELEX FROM GEOFFREY'S BANK  
REQUESTING BANK OF GHANA "APPROVAL" TO TRANSFER DOLLARS 10 MILLION  
TO GHANA ON BEHALF OF BLAY-MIEZAH, WHO IS DESCRIBED IN EDITORIAL  
AS "PATRIOT" WHO "DESERVES THE AWARD OF THE HIGHEST HONOR IN THE  
LAND." IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY BANK OF GHANA "APPROVAL" REQUIRED,  
AS PRESUMEMABLY BANK WOULD WELCOME DEPOSIT OF THAT SIZE IF  
FUNDS EXISTED. BLAY-MIEZAH SAID JAN 6 THAT HE HAD NOW "INSTRUCTED  
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HIS BRUSSELS BANKERS TO TRANSFER BETWEEN FIVE-AND TEN-MILLION

DOLLARS TO GHANA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS THROUGH THE GHANA COMMERCIAL BANK IN LONDON." EDITORIAL CONCLUDED "WE ARE NOW WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS." HOWEVER, SOME OF EDITORIAL PLACES ONUS NOT ON BLAY-MIEZAH BUT ON BANKS AND "SOME GHANAIS IN LEAGUE WITH CIA AND FBI TO STOP THE MONEY FROMCOMING TO GHANA." (SEE ALSO USINFO REPORT OF JAN 9 GHANAIAIAN TIMES EDITORIAL ON CIA.)

2. ON JAN 4 AMOAKA-ATTA ACCOMPANIED BY MARY LOU VILENTE (REFTEL A) LEFT FOR BURSELS "FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THE EXECUTION OF PAYMENT ORDERS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE TRUST TO BE PAID TO SPECIFIED COMPANIES IN SWITZERLAND, WEST GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES."

3. JAN 7 REPORT IN DAILY GRAPHIC IDENTIFIES TWO FIRMS AS "MESSRS SAI S.A." OF LUGANO AND "EROMCO" OF BONN-BAD GODESBURG.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION IN REFTELS DAND E., SUBSTANCE OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO DEBRAH. BLACK

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